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TAGS: PGOV, PINT, SL
SUBJ: ONE PARTY CONSTITUTION: PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE BEGINS

REF: (A) FREETOWN 1599, (B) FREETOWN 1578, (C) FREETOWN 1538

1. DEBATE ON THE ONE PARTY CONSTITUTION BEGAN IN PARLIAMENT MORNING OF MAY 22. INFORMED SOURCES SAY DEBATE IS TO CONTINUE THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, AND THAT THE NECESSARY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL IS ASSURED. CABINET MINISTERS, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND APC LEADERS HELD SERIES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OVER WEEKENT TO GAIN POPULAR SUPPORT FOR NEW CONSTITUTION.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: LOCAL COMMENT HAS BEEN RESTRAINED, EVEN FEARFUL. THOSE WHO OPPOSE CONSTITUTION BELIEVE THERE IS NOTHING THEY CAN DO TO PREVENT PASSAGE AND THAT VOCAL OPPOSITION COULD LEAD TO DETENTION. LOCAL SOURCES ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THERE WILL BE VIOLENT REACTION FROM RURAL POPULATIONS IN PRO-SLPP EASTERN AND SOUTHERN PROVINCES, BUT BELIEVE GOSL HAS SUFFICIENT ARMED FORCES TO COPE WITH ANY DEMONSTRATIONS. ONE EXTREMELY WELL INFORMED CONTACT PREDICTED THAT ADOPTION OF ONE PARTY SGETE WOULD LEAD TO EVEN MORE DANGEROUS INTRA-
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PARTY DISPUTES THAN THERE HAD BEEN INTER-PARTY DISPUTES UNDER MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM. END EMBASSY COMMENT.
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